EXHIBIT C

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter

of

Case No. 02-B-13533

WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL.,

Debtors.

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October 29, 2002

United States Custom House One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

Motion by Debtors approving the terms and conditions of contract for the sale of Pentagon City and related property, authorizing the sale of such assets free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, and authorizing and approving the assumption and assignment of executory contracts and unexpired leases in connection therewith - matter withdrawn; Motion by Louie Art Jones for relief from stay objection filed - matter withdrawn; Motion of Herrick, Feinstein, LLP re: the inapplicability of the automatic stay or alternatively relief from the automatic stay - objection by Debtors filed. Joinder of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Debtors' objection; Motion by Williams Communications, LLC for relief from stay - adjourned to 1-14-2003; Motion by Equinix, Inc. for relief from stay - adjourned to 11-12-2002; Motion of Lightbridge, Inc. for relief from stay - adjourned to

11-12-2002; Motion by BP Corporation North America, Inc. for relief from stay (363(e) waived) - response by Debtors filed - adjourned to 11-12-2002; Motion by Wallace Computer Services, Inc. for relief from Joinder of the stay - objection by Debtors filed. Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Debtors' objection; Motion by Delta Airlines, Inc. for relief from stay - adjourned to 11-12-2002; Motion of Blockbuster, Inc. for relief from stay or in the alternative, recoupment of mutual objections owing to and from MCI Worldcom Communications, Inc. adjourned to 11-13-2002; Motion by Electronic Data Systems Corporation and EDS Information Services, LLC compelling turnover of certain assets or imposing a constructive trust - oppositions filed. Joinder of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Debtors' opposition - adjourned to 11-12-2002; Wallace Computer Services, Inc. - Pre-trial conference; Motion by CIT Communications Finance Corporation to compel Debtor to assume or reject certain equipment leases and/or for the award of payments - adjourned to 11-12-2002; Motion to approve Mid-Size Carrier Group's proposed setoff and expedited billing dispute resolution procedures matter withdrawn; Motion by Anthony Biondo for relief from stay - objections filed; Motion by New York State Common Retirement Fund for relief from stay objection and response filed; Hearing re: motion of the Debtors for authorization to establish a key employee retention plan - objection filed; Hearing re: Motion by the Debtors to extend the time to file schedules, statements of financial affairs, and lists of equity holders and authorizing the Debtors to file certain portions of schedules, statements and certificates and affidavits of service under seal objections filed; Motion of Debtors establishing the deadline for filing certain proofs of claim and approving form and manner of notice thereof objections filed.

BEFORE:

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- 2 payment under 365(d)(10), Docket No. 1006. That
- 3 has been moved to November 12.
- And, Your Honor, last week I misspoke
- 5 when we set the motion, the retention application
- of Lazard. I requested that it be set on
- 7 November 12 and, in fact, I had forgotten that it
- 8 had already been set for the Court in connection
- 9 with the mailing for December 3. So that is not
- 10 set for the 12th, it is set for December 3, Your
- 11 Honor.
- The next matter is the motion of Carl
- 13 McCall, Docket No. 1453.
- 14 THE COURT: All right, all right, go
- 15 ahead.
- MR. ETKIN: And to the extent that
- 17 the Court has any questions concerning the status
- of the underlying class action and MDL proceeding,
- 19 I would refer to Mr. Coffey with respect to those
- 20 issues.
- Your Honor, our motion is not to
- 22 continue with litigation. It is not to engage in
- 23 broad discovery. It is essentially a motion to
- obtain access to segregated and identified
- 25 documents that the Debtor has already turned over

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- 2 to several government agencies.
- Your Honor, in filing the motion in
- 4 the first instance, we, as is obvious from the
- 5 motion, we reviewed the order entered by the Court
- 6 in the Enron Chapter 11 proceeding, and we
- 7 purposely tailored our request to fit within the
- 8 parameters that the Court had established in the
- 9 context of that order.
- The request is circumscribed. The
- 11 request deals with documents that have already
- been identified, segregated, and it really is a
- 13 request simply to obtain copies of those
- 14 documents.
- The Debtor has not articulated any
- 16 basis to distinguish this motion from the motion
- that was filed in the Enron case or to distinguish
- 18 this case with respect to the relief that was
- 19 ultimately granted in the Enron Chapter 11.
- In particular, Your Honor, the issue
- of the PSLRA Estate was an issue that we, in fact,
- 22 addressed in our original motion papers and was
- 23 addressed in the Court's order in Enron.
- Now, this is a two-step process. The
- 25 first appropriate step is to come before Your

21 WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL 1 Honor and seek a limited relief from the stay to 2 obtain access to these documents. 3 The second step and the step that we 4 would move forward with, if we received similar 5 relief as they did in the class, in the Enron 6 Chapter 11, is to move before Judge Coate, who now 7 has the MDL proceeding and seek permission from 8 Judge Coate to move forward with this discovery. 9 So, the caveat that was contained in 10 the Enron order regarding the PSLRA and obtaining 11 similar relief from Judge Harmon in that case is 12 something that is obviously appropriate here, and 13 we would certainly agree to. But we have to start 14 somewhere, Your Honor, and this is the appropriate 15 place to start. 16 Again, Your Honor, we think that the 17 motion is straightforward. We have not seen 18 anything articulated in the Debtor's objection to 19 distinguish this matter from the order that this 20 Court has already entered in the Enron situation. 21 In fact, the only distinction that we can find, 22 Your Honor, is that at this stage of the 23 proceeding as opposed to the Enron case, we 24

already have four senior executives who have pled

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22 WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL 1 quilty to a criminal conspiracy with respect to 2 securities fraud. And we think that that 3 distinction really provides more of a basis for 4 the Court to enter a single order in this case. 5 Your Honor --6 THE COURT: You know, you can correct 7 me if I am wrong, but with respect to Enron, I 8 don't think the lead plaintiff was selected there 9 when that motion was brought before me. 10 MR. ETKIN: Standing here, Your 11 Honor, I am not sure of the timing. I think that 12 the lead plaintiffs have been selected but they 13 I don't know. The lead may not have been. 14 plaintiff has been selected in this case, and lead 15 counsel has been appointed. And unlike other 16 matters that have been before you previously, the 17 MDL has ruled. So, class leadership has been 18 established. This case is ripe for considering 19 this assue. We think it's a straightforward case, 20 and we would ask the Court to grant the relief. 21 We filed reply papers, Your Honor. I 22 am hopeful that you got them yesterday, trying to 23

25 repeat what is already in the papers before the

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deal with some of the issues. I don't want to

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- 2 Court
- Obviously, if there are any further
- 4 questions, we are here to respond.
- 5 THE COURT: No, I will hear from the
- 6 Debtor.
- 7 MR. STROCHAK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 Adam Strochak again.
- Your Honor, in this case, the Debtors
- 10 are subject to investigations from congress, the
- 11 SEC, the U.S. Attorney, the examiner appointed in
- these cases, obviously, the Committee, Official
- 13 Committee has its due diligence demands that we
- 14 are responding to, and Wilmer, Cutler has been
- 15 retained to represent the special committee of the
- 16 board in its investigation.
- In addition, we have a courtroom
- 18 monitor in this case. I would submit there is no
- 19 shortage of investigations going on in this case.
- The company is extremely focused
- 21 right now in responding to numerous demands from
- 22 all these sources for documentation.
- 23 What we ask, Your Honor, is that the
- 24 company be permitted to focus its efforts on that.
- 25 Let the folks who are charged with investigating

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- 2 the fraud do their investigation. Let the Debtors
- 3 respond to them, and let's put off the additional
- 4 burdens of discovery in private securities
- 5 litigation --
- THE COURT: What are the additional
- 7 burdens?
- 8 MR. STROCHAK: The additional
- 9 burdens, Your Honor, are, first of all, there is
- 10 an additional review of the documents that needs
- 11 to take place. There is a subset of documents
- 12 that has been produced, that was produced on an
- 13 expedited basis. It was produced without --
- 14 THE COURT: Who is going to do that
- 15 review?
- MR. STROCHAK: That review would have
- 17 to be done by counsel, Your Honor, by outside
- 18 counsel.
- 19 THE COURT: Who is handling this
- 20 matter on behalf of the Debtor as outside counsel?
- 21 MR. STROCHAK: The Piper, Rudnick
- 22 firm, Your Honor, is responding to demands for
- 23 documents.
- THE COURT: And what is the Piper,
- 25 Rudnick firm doing with respect to the overall

- 1 WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL
- 2 reorganizational efforts?
- MR. STROCHAK: Piper, Rudnick is
- 4 representing the Debtor on certain matters, in EDS
- 5 matters for one example. That comes to mind.
- THE COURT: Are the same people
- 7 involved in the securities litigation that are
- 8 involved in the EDS matter?
- 9 MR. STROCHAK: I have not been
- 10 working with the same people, Your Honor. I can't
- 11 say for sure that there is any overlap, but I have
- 12 not been working with the same people.
- THE COURT: All right, go ahead.
- MR. STROCHAK: Our fear, Your Honor,
- is that there are going to be additional demands
- 16 to lift the stay and additional demands for
- 17 discovery in this case.
- We have already seen the Vivien
- 19 Plaintiffs in the ERISA litigation come in at an
- 20 early stage, and they sought to lift the stay.
- 21 That motion was denied. Now that the MDL panel
- 22 has transferred the ERISA cases to the Southern
- District, we don't know whether there will be
- 24 another motion in order to lift the stay, in order
- 25 to proceed against the Debtors with respect to the

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- 2 ERISA litigation.
- There is state law securities fraud
- 4 litigation in this case in Mississippi, I believe,
- 5 called CATS. The plaintiffs in that case have
- filed a motion to lift the automatic stay to
- 7 proceed against the Debtors.
- There is an enormous amount of
- 9 litigation out there. And our fear, Your Honor,
- 10 is that if you don't put the discovery, all
- 11 discovery off for a time being, that we are going
- to be over and over again responding to
- 13 demands from different constituencies, different
- 14 parties, different groups of plaintiffs, either
- for documents, to lift the stay, or to proceed
- 16 with the litigation. In many respects, proceeding
- 17 with respect to discovery is tantamount to lifting
- 18 the stay for purposes of litigation because the
- 19 burdens of discovery can be very severe.
- Now, I know that the motions are
- 21 limited to documents that were already produced to
- 22 other people. I have articulated, there is some
- 23 additional work that needs to be done. We can't
- 24 simply turn over our CDs or boxes of documents
- 25 because it is a privilege review that needs to be

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- 2 done with respect to certain categories of
- 3 documents.
- The folks who are handling these
- 5 productions have indicated they are responding on
- 6 a daily basis to requests for documentation from
- 7 various folks, from Wilmer, Cutler, from the SEC,
- 8 the U.S. Attorney's Office, and they pleaded with
- 9 me to see if this could be, at a minimum, to be
- 10 deferred for some time to allow them to continue
- 11 to focus on that effort.
- 12 With respect to, there is a relevancy
- issue here, Your Honor. Any documentation that
- 14 eventually will be produced in the securities
- 15 litigation has to meet the discovery standards for
- 16 litigation.
- Obviously, Wilmer, Cutler has a
- 18 broader standard. To the extent that they are
- 19 requesting documents on behalf of their
- 20 investigation, there is no necessary overlap
- 21 between them. There might be some overlap, but
- 22 the two sets are not totally --
- THE COURT: My recollection is that
- in the Enron case, and I would suspect that to
- 25 happen here, that a subpoena would have to be

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- 2 served upon a Debtor if the stay were lifted here,
- as well as the stay were lifted in the securities
- 4 litigation. And at that point in time, if
- 5 relevancy was an appropriate objection, it would
- 6 be raised then.
- 7 MR. STROCHAK: I don't disagree, Your
- 8 Honor, that there would be an opportunity to raise
- 9 it. My point, Your Honor, is that by enforcing
- 10 the Debtor to go and start litigating those
- 11 issues, in many respects, it is tantamount to
- 12 lifting the stay to allow the litigation to
- 13 proceed in full against the Debtors.
- I think an important factor here,
- 15 Your Honor, is that in order to lift the stay, the
- 16 Movant has to establish cause. In this case,
- 17 there is no cause at this juncture. The
- 18 Plaintiffs have filed a 160 or so page complaint
- 19 in the securities litigation. I have been advised
- that there are going to be motions to dismiss all
- 21 accounts of that complaint. Judge Coate set a
- 22 schedule for that. And there is simply no need
- for discovery at this point on the Plaintiff's
- 24 part.
- 25 If the complaints arise from motions

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- 2 to dismiss; at that point, Judge Coate can
- 3 determine what the appropriate scope of discovery
- 4 in the case will be, and we can deal with that,
- 5 those issues, as they come up at that time.
- I don't disagree with Plaintiff's
- 7 counsel that this is a bit of a two-step process,
- 8 the chicken and the egg. I mean, you can argue
- 9 about which is the chicken and which is the egg
- 10 and which should come first.
- We think in this matter it makes
- 12 sense simply to defer this motion. Let Judge
- 13 Coate decide what the scope of the discover is
- 14 going to be, if there is going to be any discovery
- 15 at all permitted prior to a decision on the motion
- 16 to dismiss, and then we can deal with this in a
- 17 comprehensive fashion.
- 18 I don't know if this is the only
- 19 request the plaintiffs are going to have.
- 20 Perhaps, they will have other requests for
- 21 discovery, and we would like to be able to deal
- 22 with that in a comprehensive fashion, so as not to
- 23 have to keep addressing it over and over again.
- So, what we would ask, Your Honor, is
- 25 simply that this motion just be deferred without

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- 2 prejudice. The Plaintiffs can go to Judge Coate,
- 3 seek discovery, seek whatever discovery they think
- 4 is appropriate.
- 5 The defendants in that litigation --
- 6 and WorldCom is no longer a defendant in that
- 7 complaint due to the stay. The defendants in that
- 8 litigation can make whatever arguments they think
- 9 are appropriate to Judge Coate. And if Judge
- 10 Coate decides that discovery against nonparties
- 11 like the Debtors is going to be permitted, then we
- 12 can see what the total scope of it is, and we can
- 13 address it.
- 14 We are certainly not adverse to
- trying to work those issues out once Judge Coate
- 16 has decided it.
- 17 So, I don't think, necessarily, we
- 18 would have to come back to this Court. We may be
- 19 able to resolve it consensually once we get to
- 20 that point, Your Honor, in the case.
- Just a couple of notes on Enron, Your
- 22 Honor. Obviously, it's a different case. I mean,
- 23 in some respects, when you are the second biggest
- 24 bankruptcy with these types of fraud allegations
- bandied around, everyone wants to say, well, do

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- what was done in Enron. And certainly where Your
- 3 Honor has issue opinions in the Enron case, and to
- 4 the extent that there is guidance out there, we
- 5 don't think it is at all inappropriate to refer to
- 6 that.
- I would just respectfully submit,
- 8 Your Honor, that in Enron, the Debtor has made a
- 9 different choice. That the objection to the
- 10 motion in Enron was not that the motion should be
- 11 deferred. It was simply that it should be -- it
- should be dealt with by Judge Harmon in the
- 13 securities litigation.
- The Debtors in this case have simply
- made a different decision. And given the intense
- 16 demand of the investigations that are going on
- 17 now, we believe it would be inappropriate to defer
- 18 this.
- Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Let me take, go back to
- one point that you made. If this Court is to
- 22 await Judge Coate's decision regarding the
- 23 appropriateness of discovery with pending motions
- to dismiss, assuming they are filed, and you said
- 25 that may obviate the need to come back to this

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- 2 Court, how would that do that? Because if I don't
- 3 lift the stay, even if Judge Coate were to allow a
- 4 discovery, there is at least an issue that you
- 5 still may need to come back to.
- 6 MR. STROCHAK: My suggestion was
- 7 simply just to defer the motion. If Judge Coate
- 8 decides, if the plaintiffs go in and say all we
- 9 want is this limited category stuff, it is just
- 10 stuff that has already been produced, and then
- Judge Coate can say, okay, that is fine, go ahead.
- 12 At that point, we could sit back and
- 13 look at it and say, okay, this is the total
- 14 universe of demands from the plaintiffs at this
- point, and we can consider whether we can agree
- 16 not to lift the stay.
- Doing it now, Your Honor, is
- 18 difficult for us because we don't know what else
- 19 is going to be out there. We don't know what
- 20 plaintiffs in other cases are going to say. There
- 21 are sets of tag-along cases in the MDL that's not
- 22 yet made it to Judge Coate's courtroom. It is
- quite possible there could be other plaintiffs to
- 24 step forward and say we would like something else,
- and we would just like to deal with it in a

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- 2 concerted, consolidated fashion.
- If it truly is as limited as the
- 4 plaintiffs now are indicating, at that point we
- 5 can consider whether we could consent to lifting
- 6 the automatic stay for those purposes.
- Also, that would give us additional
- 8 time to get these investigations further along,
- 9 and the burdens on the folks who are actually
- 10 responding to these investigations may not be so
- 11 severe a month or six weeks from now.
- so, that was my point, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Whether it's going to be
- 14 a month or six weeks from now, I assume anyway,
- 15 because no matter what I do today, I don't believe
- there is a motion pending before Judge Coate to
- 17 allow discovery. So, how soon it will be
- 18 addressed prior to sometime in the earliest, I
- 19 assume would be in December.
- MR. STROCHAK: I think you are
- 21 correct, Your Honor, you are correct in that
- 22 respect.
- THE COURT: And, also, if I were to
- 24 lift the stay for the limited purposes sought,
- 25 regardless of what someone else may ask, and even

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- 2 if the Court were to grant it, to the extent the
- 3 stay applies, there would be no modification other
- 4 than what I have already granted.
- 5 MR. STROCHAK: That is right, Your
- 6 Honor, but that runs the risk that we end up with
- 7 more motions to lift the automatic stay for
- 8 something that might be a little bit different
- 9 than what the plaintiffs are seeking here. And
- 10 that is another component of this that we would
- 11 like to avoid, if we could.
- THE COURT: All right. The
- 13 Committee.
- MS. CHUNG: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 15 Nancy Chung from Akin, Gump, on behalf of the
- 16 Creditors' Committee.
- 17 The Committee joins the Debtor's
- 18 objection seeking denial of Carl McCall,
- 19 Plaintiff's lift stay motion, Your Honor. We
- 20 wanted to just emphasize for the Court two main
- 21 points.
- One, with respect to undue burden
- 23 that is created by granting this motion, the
- 24 Committee does believe that the production of
- 25 documents requested by plaintiffs will create an

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2	undue burden to the Debtor and the estate.
3	In particular, the plaintiffs have
4	indicated in their response papers filed yesterday
5	that the discovery that they seek is not limited
6	just to documents that already have been produced
7	to government entities in those ongoing
8	investigations, but, in fact, what it seeks is any
9	continuous, additional document productions to
10	those government investigations. And that is,
11	Mr. Strochak indicated, those investigations are a
12	very fluid process in which the Debtors are
13	focused on cooperating with those government
14	entities, and, inevitably, there will be, and
15	there has been continuous and supplemental
16	document productions in connection with those
17	investigations.
18	Therefore, the cumulative impact of
19	accommodating plaintiffs at every turn of
20	producing documents that have been produced and
21	will be produced to government entities will be
22	burdensome on the Debtor, and will shift focus
23	away from the Debtor's reorganization efforts.
24	Moreover, Mr. Strochak also indicated

there will have to be a responsiveness and

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2	privilege purview undertaken in connection with
3	any future document productions to the plaintiffs.
4	The plaintiff's issue is an important
5	one for the Committee. Any prior determinations
6	of the Debtor, made with the government, with
7	respect to privilege bear agreements between those
8	two parties with respect to privilege, and the
9	Committee has not yet had an opportunity to weigh
10	in on those determinations. And to the extent
11	that there is any future production of documents
12	that have already been produced to government
13	entities, to plaintiff's counsel, I believe the
14	Committee may seek to participate in that process
15	of review, and that would be undertaken by counsel
16	for the Committee.
17	But my second point, Your Honor, is
18	that plaintiffs, in contrast, have offered nothing
19	in substance in terms of any undue prejudice that
20	would result in waiting, in deferring this matter
21	to Judge Coate to determine whether or not the
22	stay under the Securities Reform Act should be
23	lifted.
24	We contend that to the extent that
25	Judge Coate makes a determination that the stay

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- 2 should be lifted, that Judge Coate's order still
- 3 should be subject to this Court's review in terms
- of the scope of discovery to set forth any terms
- 5 and conditions that this Court believes is
- 6 necessary in any future discovery that plaintiffs
- 7 request.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 9 MS. CHUNG: Thank you.
- MR. ETKIN: Your Honor, just a few
- 11 points in response, if I might.
- Your Honor, one of the things we are
- obviously concerned about is that there exists
- 14 access to these identified and previously produced
- 15 documents on the part of many constituencies.
- There is a fundamental imbalance that
- 17 the lead plaintiff appointed by the Court in the
- 18 now multi-district litigation with respect to the
- 19 WorldCom securities litigation would be the only
- 20 constituency denied access to documents that are
- 21 already readily available.
- There also seems to be some
- 23 misunderstanding as to whether the scope of our
- 24 request before Judge Coate would somehow be
- 25 different than the scope of our request before

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- this Court; and the idea has been floated that the
- 3 Court should wait and see the scope of the request
- 4 before Judge Coate before making a ruling.
- 5 Your Honor, as we have indicated in
- our papers, the scope of our request before Judge
- 7 Coate is precisely the scope of our request before
- 8 this Court, which is access to the documents that
- 9 we have already identified.
- . It will be no different.
- And as the Court pointed out, we've
- 12 acknowledged, and we understand that we need
- 13 relief from Judge Coate before those documents
- 14 could be made available to us.
- So, the Debtor and this Court are not
- 16 going to find anything different by virtue of our
- 17 request before Judge Coate than already exists in
- 18 the motion before the Court.
- Your Honor, we alluded to it in our
- 20 responsive papers. Given the guilty pleas, given
- 21 what is going on in this case, the concept of
- 22 successful motions to dismiss, in this case,
- 23 ultimately is somewhat of a non-issue, but,
- 24 obviously, that is an issue before Judge Coate and
- one of the issues that would be considered should

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- 2 this Court grant the relief subject to Judge
- 3 Coate's decision.
- In addition, Committee counsel
- 5 alluded to the fact that by virtue of our reply
- 6 papers, our request is not limited to those:
- 7 documents that have already been produced.
- 8 Your Honor, our request is limited to
- 9 those documents that have already been produced.
- In response to the Debtor's argument,
- joined in by the Committee, that the production to
- the various investigations be ongoing, we provided
- a suggestion to deal with that. That is something
- that we can discuss with the Debtor and with the
- 15 Committee going forward.
- We did not modify our motion to seek
- 17 necessarily continuing access, although we believe
- that would be appropriate under the circumstances,
- 19 because, again, it only involves making copies.
- Your Honor, going back to the Enron
- 21 order, because I think it is important. Your
- Honor was well aware of the issues that both the
- 23 Committee and the Debtor have raised, and in
- 24 specific language indicated that the production
- 25 was, I will quote, subject to attorney-client

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- 2 privilege or work product protection and following
- a reasonable period for review. That is the
- 4 language of the order.
- Again, Your Honor, we seek nothing
- 6 different here.
- 7 To the extent that the Committee or
- 8 the Debtor feels that there is some review that is
- 9 required, that is their decision to make. We
- don't necessarily believe that there are relevancy
- 11 issues. The underpinnings of these
- investigations, Your Honor, are the accounting
- 13 restatements and the fraud, the same underpinnings
- 14 for the consolidated class action before Judge
- 15 Coate.
- We can't see issues of relevancy but,
- obviously, the Debtor or the Committee to the
- 18 extent they have standing, they can review and
- 19 make whatever arguments they want to make.
- The fundamental issue is access to
- 21 these documents, Your Honor, and we believe that
- 22 the Court has heard nothing to stray from the
- order that was entered in the Enron case.
- THE COURT: All right. But what I
- 25 think I am -- to a certain extent, what I am

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- 2 hearing is that if I was wrong before, I shouldn't
- 3 do it again.
- So what, in essence, is the cause
- 5 that you have established to get these documents
- 6 now?
- 7 MR. ETKIN: Your Honor --
- 8 THE COURT: When I say "now," I mean
- 9 assuming that the stay were lifted in the District
- 10 Court.
- MR. ETKIN: Your Honor, we have been
- 12 appointed lead plaintiff. Lead counsel has been
- 13 appointed. We have a fiduciary obligation to move
- 14 forward and take whatever steps necessary to
- 15 vindicate the rights of those who have lost
- 16 billions of dollars in connection with the conduct
- of WorldCom and its senior executives.
- We need to move forward with it.
- 19 There is no reason that other constituencies
- 20 should have access to documents, and those
- 21 documents be denied to us.
- This is not a science case, Your
- 23 Honor, and nor is this like the Vivien case which
- 24 was referred to before where a plaintiff seeks to
- 25 move forward and litigate the case against the

- 42 WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL 1 Debtor. We understand the dictates of the 2 automatic stay. 3 This is more like the Teledyne case 4 that we cited in our reply papers where all we are 5 asking is access to documents previously produced. 6 Even a more limited request than in the Teledyne 7 case. 8 We don't believe that those documents 9 should be denied to us. We don't believe that 10 there is any burden to the estate. We believe 11 that the thousands of members of this class needs 12 to be vindicated. It is our responsibility to do 13 that, and we want to move forward with that 14 process. 15 THE COURT: All right. Anything 16 further? 17 (No response.) 18 THE COURT: All right. The Court is 19
 - going to grant the motion to modify the stay to
 allow discovery, provided that the District Court
 lifts the stay under the PSLRA, whatever state it
 may be in, in existence at the time because the
 lifting of the stay, I think would establish the
 cause.

1	WORLDCOM, INC., ET AL
2	I don't see how the Debtor would
3	suffer significant inconvenience or hardship since
4	the work to be done in terms of responding to any
5	subpoena is done by attorneys who do not appear,
6	and there is no evidence that they are directly
7	involved in the reorganization here.
8	As well, I think it would have to be
9	done pursuant to appropriate subpoena issued by
10	the District Court. And in terms of a time frame
11	involved, that realistically, I don't believe that
12	a subpoena would be served before the first of the
13	year based on the schedule as I see it. I may be
14	wrong, and I obviously have no control over that
15	schedule or impact, but consistent with this
16	Court's ruling in the Enron case, and subject to
17	the terms of that order, I will allow the
18	discovery, as set forth on the record, and the
19	Movant may submit the appropriate order or
20	actually settle the order on the Committee and the
21	Debtor.
22	MR. ETKIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
23	THE COURT: All right. You are
24	welcome.
25	All right, go ahead.